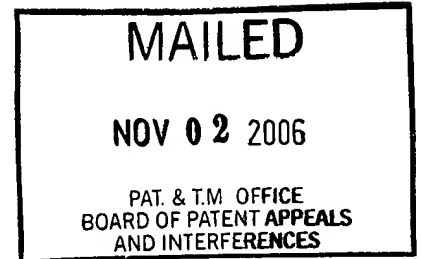


UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

In re WALKER et al. )  
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Application No. 09/609,017 )  
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ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR TELEPHONIC HEARING

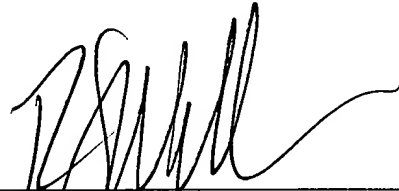
An oral hearing before a merits panel of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (Board) has been set for November 16, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. in Hearing Room A. On October 27, 2006, Applicants filed via facsimile transmission a Request for Telephonic Oral Hearing. Accordingly, the Request for Telephonic Oral Hearing has been granted.

This appeal will be taken second in order. You must contact the Board at **571-272-4686 at exactly 1:30 p.m. eastern time**. As a reminder, all expenses involved with the Telephonic Hearing, such as the cost of the call, must be borne by the Applicants.

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